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## RUSSIA REPLIES TO NOTES

### Seeking Abandonment Of Western Germany Plans?

### CONTENTS NOT YET KNOWN

London, July 14.  
The British Foreign Office announced today that Russia had replied to the British note calling for lifting of the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

The spokesman said no immediate outline of the contents could be given as it was in Russian and is being translated.  
George Zarubin, Russia's Ambassador to Britain, called at the Foreign Office during the morning and handed the reply to Minister of State Hector McNeill.

Most authoritative sources here expected the Russians to counter the West's demand with a proposal for reopening of the four-power talks on all German problems and for abandoning of plans for Western Germany.

The West will not bargain on anything until the blockade is lifted.

East-West relations in Germany had sunk so low that Western diplomats agreed the only chance of improving them rested in another try at high level. These diplomats kept silent about what was being planned officially.

Two months ago they were ridiculing the suggestion of another four-power meeting of any kind. Now they are only accepting it today they no longer discount the possibility of another Council of Foreign Ministers meeting.

In advance of the Soviet reply to the West's stern protests on the Berlin blockade, none will predict the future. But nearly every informed quarter expects a Russian bid for another four-power meeting. And most diplomats here would place short odds at this moment on a possibility that the Council may meet again on Germany late in summer or early in autumn.

### Russian Rejection Of Notes Hinted

In Berlin Soviet Military Administration's (Mial) Gornow newspaper hinted that Moscow will reject the Western Allies' note demanding lifting of the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

Taeleche Rundschau, in an editorial headed, "Whom do they think they are frightening?" described the Western protests as laughable.

Meanwhile, American officials said the Allied air lift to the blocked western sectors of the city has built up a four-week food bank for the 2,000,000 German living there.

This indication of the efficiency of the plane ferrying service came as the Communist Press warned that the Russian siege may last into the winter.

The Taeleche Rundschau editorial on the Allied note said: "The proposal is laughable that, under conditions of a separate currency, reform in the western zones, all measures should immediately be abandoned which the Soviet Military Administration had to undertake in order to protect the interests of the German people and the economy of the Soviet occupation zone and Berlin, which lies in the Soviet zone and economically is a part of it."

"Just as laughable is the proposal only to begin negotiations regarding Berlin," the paper continued. "Can the entire problem of Germany be replaced by a partial question regarding Berlin and the western occupation zones?"—Associated Press and United Press.

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## HIROHITO RELATION SUICIDES

Tokyo, July 14.  
Fifty-five-year-old former Viscount Masanari Takagi, father-in-law of Emperor Hirohito's younger brother, Prince Mikasa, was believed today to have committed suicide due to the change brought about by Japan's defeat in the war.

Police searching for Takagi, who had been missing since the night of July 8, found a note by Takagi in the girls' high school where he was acting president, which clearly indicated that Takagi planned suicide.

In a "farewell" message to his adopted 30-year-old son, Takagi referred to the change in Japan's Government as a result of the country's defeat in the war. He obviously referred to the new constitution under which the emperor had been relegated to a mere symbol of the state whereas under the old constitution sovereignty of the state lay in the emperor. The new constitution also abolished the peerage.

Takagi said economic conditions became so difficult with high prices in the postwar period he feared his family could not exist if conditions continued. The Japanese tax office officials said Takagi paid 1,430,000 yen—US\$150,000 under the new army conversion rate in special property tax and was hit hard financially without a steady income.

Takagi said he had considered suicide for 10 months. He said the new constitution does not recognize the legal continuance of his family but hoped his son would make efforts to see the Takagi family, which he said dates back to the Imperial family 1,000 years ago, be continued. He also asked that no efforts be made to search for his body. Prince Mikasa told reporters he could not imagine why his father-in-law should commit suicide.—United Press.

## Illegal Communication With Colony

Bangkok, Siam, July 14.  
Siamese police today raided an illegal radio transmitter in an effort to smash an illicit commercial radio network exchanging commercial information with Hong Kong and Singapore.

Two operators were arrested at the illegal transmitter in the Yawarai district. The station was transmitting messages on foreign exchange rates, goods, shipments and ship movements giving traders the jump on competitors who were using legal but slow Siamese official radio service.—Associated Press.

## Cargo Vessel Capsizes, Sinks In Pearl River

A 60-ton cargo motor vessel, the Anson, capsized and sank in the Pearl River yesterday morning after it had sprung a leak.

The 30 occupants, including crew and folk on board were saved by a passing Hong Kong ship, the Kwai Wah, but the cargo of vegetables, which caused the craft to overturn, was lost.

The Anson left Canton after midnight, heavily laden with vegetables. The vessel, measuring 85 feet with a beam of 18 feet, sprung a leak after its de-

## ROYALTY IS DEMOBBED



Royalty, the only horse on the Navy's ration roll in the barracks at Devonport, was placed out of the senior service on July 1 and honoured with a band of the Royal Warrant. He is seen here exchanging his uniform hat with a straw boater. After five years in the navy, Royalty has been sold for farm work. An engine will now take over his task of pulling the cricket ground roller.

## Negotiations On Smuggling Soon?

Nonking, July 14.  
The Chinese Government will soon enter into negotiations again with the Hong Kong authorities to discuss effective measures for checking smuggling activities, it is reported here today.

Reports of a renewal of negotiations came in the wake of semi-official charges that Hong Kong on its part had failed to enforce the provisions of

## COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN CANTON

Canton, July 14.  
It is reported that the local police have foiled what was said to have been a large-scale attempt on the part of Communist bandits to infiltrate into Canton.

Acting on information, police patrols kept a sharp night watch in the outlying areas of the city with the result that some 38 armed persons were arrested.

The Chien Kuo Jih Bao reported that "Communists have appointed their magistrates in the Waiyang and To On districts to be responsible for smuggling weapons and ammunition and for carrying out destruction work."

During the past four days, four bandits were executed by the local police authorities, it is reported.

Meanwhile, from the Hoping area comes a report that "bandits" broke into a village and looted it thoroughly, while shops in one market area of the same sector were ransacked and then set on fire.—Reuter.

## Anti-British Protests In Amman

Amman, July 14.  
Flag-carrying crowds today marched through the streets of Amman, demanding more vigorous prosecution of the Palestine war.

Several hundred young Arabs gathered in Amman square and heard a young Arab bitterly assailed England's "traitorous" stand and urged transjordanites to overthrow the British. "Imperialists who stabbed us in the back," he said.

The populace was most angry at what it considered under table dealings of the British in attempting to dominate Arab affairs in the Middle East.

Similar demonstrations were held in Nabulus and Salt by the angry populace. The Amman demonstrators were closely watched by reinforced police as they marched through the streets after loudly approving the speakers' accusations.—United Press.

## ITALY STRIKE-BOUND FOLLOWING WOUNDING OF COMMUNIST LEADER

Rome July 14.  
Palmiro Togliatti, Italy's leading Communist, was shot and wounded seriously today as he emerged from the Chamber of Deputies building. One doctor who saw him expressed belief he would live.

His assailant was arrested. First reports identified the man as Michele Ballante da Ruedazzi, 25-year-old student from Catania Province in Sicily. He was described as an ardent nationalist with no party affiliation.

The attack came at the height of a new drive by Italian leftists to upset the middle of the road Government of Premier de Gasperi. Both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate suspended their sessions.

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### Sharp Reaction

The shooting brought immediate signs of sharp reaction from the left. On the heels of various demonstrations at the Chamber of Deputies and Senate building, the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour sent telegrams summoning its executive committee to a secret session.

A general strike—rumoured for days as an outgrowth of current labour agitation—was reported in the making.

Togliatti, emerging from the Chamber of Deputies building, threw his leather brief case in front of his face in an effort to shield himself. In falling he struck his head on the pavement.

The shooting came as Italy's Socialist and Communist parties agreed to continue their "unity of action" pact against the Government.

Leaders of the two parties called for a "consolidation of Democratic forces" to fight against what they called de Gasperi's "clerical and police regime."

A joint meeting of the party leaders had been expected to announce dissolution of the "popular front" which was defeated by de Gasperi's Christian Democrats in last April's general election. Instead it announced a constitution of the Communist-Socialist alliance.

Strikes Ordered  
Moscow-trained Togliatti has been a bitter assailant of Italian participation in the European Recovery Programme, contending that the ERP would "enslave" Italians to the American economy.

He also has sharply attacked the Vatican and its support of the Christian Democrats in the election.

Though would-be assassin Antonio Ballante told the police shortly after he was seized that he belonged to no political party and had no motive, "other than my personal beliefs," the nation's labour leaders were quick to seize upon the attempted assassination as the reason for general strikes throughout the country.

Milan, the Communist stronghold, was the first point at which the Left labour leaders acted. They ordered all workers to go on a general strike for an indefinite period.

The Rome Chamber of Labour quickly followed with a call for

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### Drivers Walk Off

Strikes in Rome, Milan, Genoa and Turin took effect immediately. Rome buses stopped in the middle of the street when the drivers walked off in a show of protest. Paper plant printers left their jobs without warning. Stores closed as soon as the Communist-controlled Labour Federation's order was received.

Outside the big cities, activity was normal however pending tonight's meeting of the National Federation when a nationwide general strike will be debated.

Communist action squads appeared on the streets of Rome half an hour after the stop work order in groups of five. They stopped at every store and office and told employees "We do not order you to close but we advise it."—United Press and Associated Press.

### Rail Car Patrol

Canton, July 14.  
The Canton-Hankow railway has been reinforced with four rail cars to cope with bandit attacks on trains and railway stations.

They will patrol between Canton and Shaohwan and are equipped with radio telephones linking Canton with Shaohwan near the Hong Kong border.

Mr. P. C. Wen, special commissioner in charge of transport said a detachment of railway guards has been stationed at Hengshan and another at Shaohwan.

In view of bandit attacks on Wang Li station on the Canton-Kowloon section south of the East River twice within a week, passenger traffic has fallen slightly.—Associated Press.

### MATSONIA UP FOR SALE

San Francisco, July 14.  
John E. Cushing, President of Matson Lines, announced today that negotiations were in progress with the Panamanian Line, Incorporated, of Panama for the sale of the Matsonia, 17,220-ton liner which has been sailing the Pacific since 1927.

The Panamanian Line proposes to register the Matsonia and operate it under her own flag. If the sale is completed.—United Press.

### The Weather

A complex low pressure area covers China and from it a trough extends across the Eastern Sea and Japan to a depression 22° of North.

Pressure is also low between Mindanao and the Carolines.

A weak ridge extends from Malaya across the South China Sea to a small depression 22° of North.

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## Lewis Signs Contract

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mines was announced today  
with the signing of a contract  
by John L. Lewis and a steel  
company representative.  
The 40,000 striking miners  
are scheduled to go back to  
work on Wednesday. They  
have been idle a week.—As-  
sociated Press.

## HOFFMAN TO VISIT EUROPE

Washington, July 14.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic  
Cooperation Administrator, an-  
nounced today that he will  
leave on July 21 by air for a  
series of conferences with ECA  
representatives.

This will be his first trip to  
Europe since his appointment.

Mr. Hoffman's announcement  
said that he would confer in Paris  
with Mr. Averell Harriman, ro-  
ving ECA Ambassador, and mem-  
bers of his staff.

An official of the ECA said to-  
day that Mr. Hoffman probably  
would confine his visit to Paris;  
which is Mr. Harriman's head-  
quarters.

He also plans to consult with  
Mr. David Bruce, chief of ECA's  
special mission to France, and  
with Mr. Thomas Finletter, chief  
of the mission to Great Britain-  
sauter.

## Aussie Air Talks With India

New Delhi, July 14.

Air treaty talks with Australia  
will begin in New Delhi on July  
15, civil aviation officials said to-  
day.

They added that Garuda Air-  
ways are already serving Calcutta  
on a temporary permit but Indian  
Lines have no plans at present to  
extend a service to Australia. The  
officials disclosed that preliminary  
negotiations for air pacts are un-  
der way with Siam and Iran.

"India is very interested in  
servicing Bangkok," the officials  
said.—Associated Press.

# NOT INTENDED TO EMBARRASS THEM

Shanghai, July 14.  
Mr. Louis Tau, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Depart-  
ment of the Police Bureau, said yesterday that  
the new regulations requiring foreigners to  
obtain a permit before moving out of the  
Shanghai city limits were not meant to em-  
barrass foreigners.

They were issued by Nan-  
king, and the local police had  
no power to modify the regu-  
lations, though in certain cases  
they might soften their con-  
trol, he declared.

Mr. Tau added that the police  
do not entertain any fear that  
some foreign travellers might be  
in league with the Chinese Com-  
munist.

In commenting today on the  
spate of protest letters from for-  
eign readers, the British-owned  
North China Daily News said that  
if the British authorities in Br-  
tain conceived a similar regula-  
tion, they would be laughed out  
of countenance.

The paper added that "it is be-  
ing forced more and more upon  
the public, both Chinese and for-  
eign, that much of the legislation  
of this type which has been in-  
troduced since the conclusion of  
hostilities is but an imitation of  
Japanese methods."

"There is arising a mass of  
petty regulations which delighted  
the hearts of petty officials in  
Japan is so well-known to pro-  
fessors, tourists, and if the Chinese  
authorities cannot do better than  
ape the people they helped to de-  
feat, there is obviously something  
wrong in their make-up."—Reu-  
ter.

Outsited by the Nazis from his  
homeland Germany in 1933, the  
75-year-old doctor came to the  
United States the same year and  
remained here briefly before go-  
ing to Peking under the auspices  
of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Later he was visiting professor of  
anatomy and acting director of  
the "Genetics" research laboratory  
of the National Geological Survey  
of China and the Peking Union  
Medical College. He remained  
there until 1941.—United Press.

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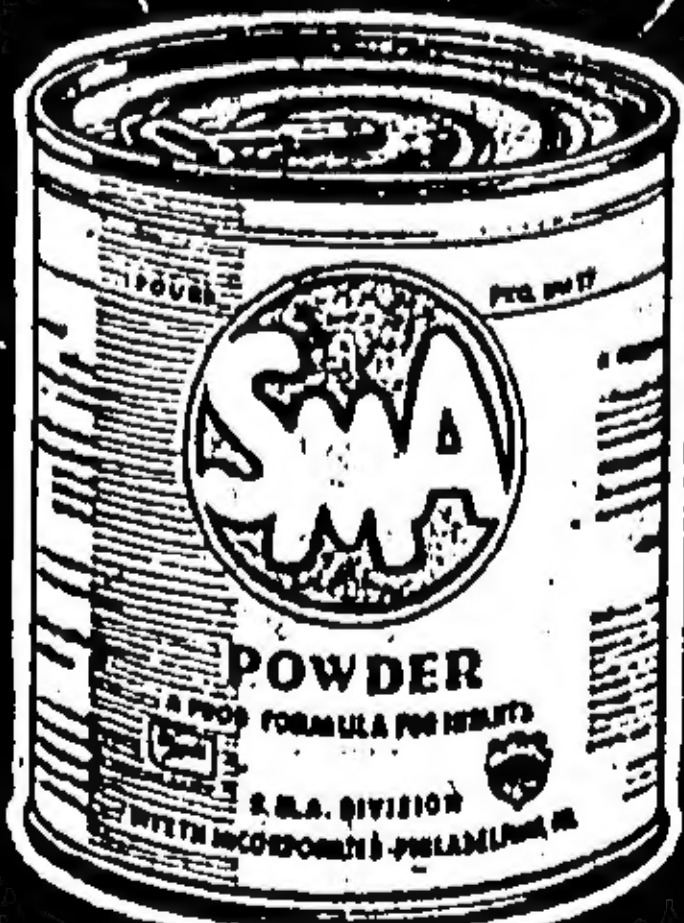
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# BRITAIN'S COAL LOSSES

## National Board Deficit In First Year

### LONG-TERM PLAN FOR MINES

London, July 13.

The National Coal Board, operator of Britain's publicly owned coal pits, reported today that its first year of operation of the nation's mines resulted in a loss of £23,255,587.

The operations for the period ending Dec. 31, 1947, however, included the expenditure of approximately £19,000,000 on capital account largely to begin modernisation and re-equipment of some of the older mines.

Indicating the size of the re-organisation job to be done before Britain's coal mines are fully modernised, the Board said that by the end of last year it had earmarked £536,000,000 for capital improvement "over a period of several years."

"It will be some time before the Board's final long term programme has been drawn up," it added.

The law nationalising the coal mines was passed during 1946 and the Coal Board took over operations on New Year's Day, 1947.

The printed report ran to 100,000 words—longer than the average novel—and was supplemented with 111 pages of detailed statistics.

**Subsidies**

It covered a period which included the fuel crisis of February and March, 1947, a crisis brought on by inadequate stocks and record snowfalls which stopped coal transport.

The net operating loss was £6,187,300.

The Board compared this account with operating losses under private ownership, noting that "the industry was subsidised by the Exchequer to the extent of £27,600,000 between 1942 and 1946."

Last year mining operations

lost £8,203,003, but profits on coke ovens and other subsidised brought in £3,019,905 to trim the losses.

**An Incentive**

It could have been covered by raising prices still further, the Board said, but instead it incurred a deficit "which will serve as an incentive to future economies."

"A joint stock company," it observed, "could have covered part of the deficit by not distributing any dividends. This expenditure was not open to the Board," it said, "because it must make payments of capital and interest to the Government each year whether good or bad."

Concessions to miners during the year will cost £2,500,000 in a full year, it said.—Associated Press.

**ANTI-GASPERI MOVEMENT**

Rome, July 13.

Italy's Communists and Socialists tonight announced a "pact of united action" against Premier Alcide de Gasperi's "clerical and police regime."

Meanwhile, Italy's Government rejected Labour's urgent wage demands as inflationary and announced instead a programme of higher taxes, lower costs and increased employment.—Associated Press.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

### By Shepard Barclay

THE ORDER DECIDES IT WITH many a No Trump game, the deciding factor is the order in which the declarer tackles the various suits in which he aims to establish tricks. If he knows one particular long suit against him, and retains a single stopper in it, he must try to keep that enemy out of the lead after the stopper gets removed. Letting him have the lead earlier can not harm. Therefore, one of South's side suits contains a positive loser, and the other only a possible loser to the partner of the long-suit man, he should work on the first of these suits before the second.

S. 8 5 3 2  
H. 8 7  
D. A K Q 10 7  
C. 6 4

S. A. Q 10  
H. Q J 10  
D. 4 2  
C. K J 8 3

S. K Q J  
H. A K 5  
D. 6 3  
C. A Q 10 7 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)  
South West North East  
1 C 1 H 2 D Pass  
3 NT

Against this West made his natural lead of the heart Q. As a protective measure South let it win, then took the 10 with the K. With only two diamonds, he saw that the safest way to seek as many tricks as possible in the suit was to finesse the 10, which lost to the J. East returned his heart 6 to knock out the last stopper. South now ran four diamonds. Requiring two more

tricks than were immediately in sight, he led a spade, hoping East had the A. West did, however, so followed the trick with three in hearts to set the contract.

South's sound planning process was first to count up tricks. He would have noted that two in hearts, one in clubs and four in diamonds, making seven, would leave him requiring two more. Those would be certain in spades. Furthermore, West might be able to win the spade trick, but couldn't possibly win the diamond finesse. So, after winning the second heart, he should have led a spade. After West won a heart, East would then be on of hearts. So the diamond finesse would not have risked the contract. After winning it, any return by East would have put South in to run home with a total of two tricks in spades, two in hearts, four in diamonds and one in clubs.

**Tomorrow's Problem**

S. J 7 4  
H. K Q 10 9 8 2  
D. 6 2  
C. K 10

S. K 9 8  
H. 3  
D. K Q J  
C. Q 7 3

S. 5  
H. 8 4  
D. A 10 7 5  
C. J 9 8 4 2

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)  
What should be the bidding of this deal, after North opens with a questionable 1-Heart?

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**Anglo-Soviet Trade Talks**

London, July 13.

British officials hope that the meeting now taking place between M. George Zarubin, Russian Ambassador to Britain, and Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, will lead to the immediate opening of full-scale trade talks in London on a long-term trade agreement between the two countries.—Reuter.

**ARMS FOUND IN BOMBAY**

Bombay, July 13.

The Police today recovered 22 bombs and bomb-making equipment from a house in Null Bazaar in the heart of Bombay's riot area.

Six persons were arrested in connection with the find which occurred after one bomb had exploded injuring one person.

Communal disturbances are apparently ebbing with no incidents reported officially though stray stabbings are occurring. These, however, are not reported in the press which has been ordered to publish only official news.—Associated Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—Melodies from British Films (BBC).

1.00 p.m.—Reinhold Foort at the Organ.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—Composers: Cavalcade: Fritz Kreisler (ORF), Anton and His Orchestra with Doreen Lavender and Stephen Manion (Vocal).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "The Magic Wabbon" by Charles Dickens (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Serenade to the Stars (BBC).

6.45 p.m.—Tex Winters and His Tumbling Tumblebugs (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"ITMA" with Tommy Handley (BBC).

7.30 p.m.—Le Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—British Concert Hall (BBC).

8.30 p.m.—Favourite Piano Solos.

8.45 p.m.—The Bohemian Light Orchestra and Herbert Groh (Tenor).

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Cello Solos.

10.30 p.m.—New Dance Records.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

## SIAMESE ARMY ON THE ALERT

Bangkok, July 13.

Siam today alerted her armed forces against a possible outbreak of Communist trouble.

Field Marshal Pibul Songkram, the Prime Minister, announced that military forces had been ordered to remain in a "state of readiness" following reports that "Communists and some other disruptive elements" had been plotting agitation and unrest throughout the country.

He disclosed at a press conference that the Government had ordered the arrest of Communist leaders throughout Siam.

"We are all set for prompt and speedy action at the slightest sign of trouble," he said, adding: "The Communists will have no chance in Siam as long as I remain head of the Government."—Reuter.

**GRAMMOS DRIVE**

Athens, July 13.

A Government communiqué said today that the Greek Army's renewed drive in the Grammos mountain area made limited progress, with Ninth Division troops capturing Pournia, 14 kilometres north-east of Konitsa. The communiqué added that Greek troops also crossed the Sarandaporos River, supply line of General Markos Vafades, guerrilla chief.

Meanwhile, in eastern Thrace, other guerrillas fired 50 shells into Alexandropolis and 90 into Komotini. A number of civilians were wounded.—United Press.

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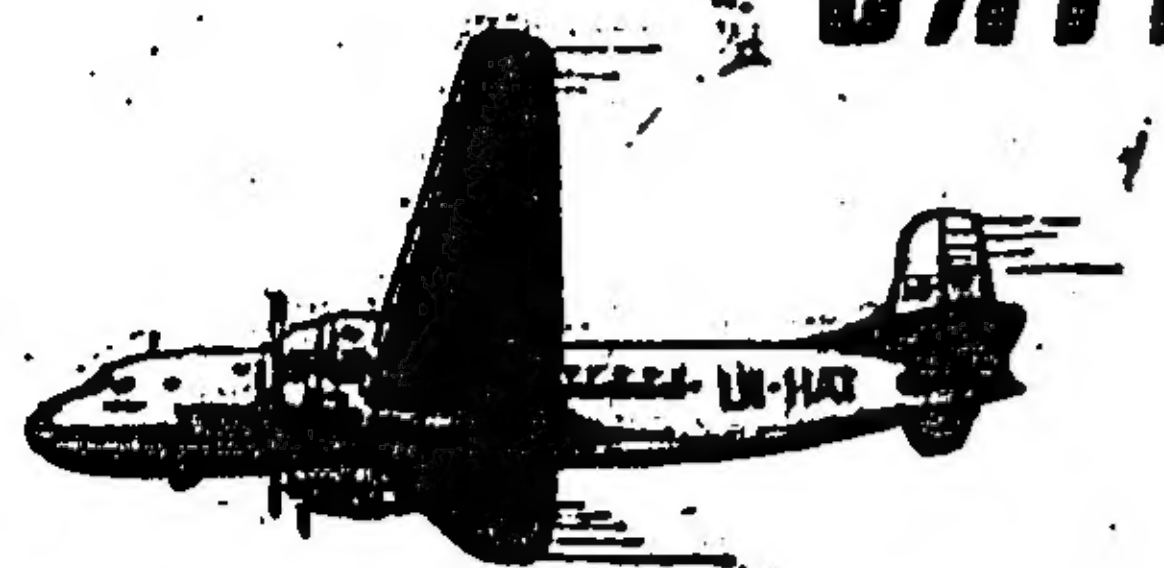
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# PALESTINE TRUCE DEMAND

## Should Be Backed Up By Armed Force

### United States Call To Security Council

Lake Success, July 13.

The United States today formally demanded that the Security Council of the United Nations order an immediate cease fire in Palestine. The proposal provides for use of UN force if the Arabs or Jews fail to comply.

US deputy delegate Philip C. Jessup asked for a speedy vote and the Council plunged into debate. Approval of the measure was considered unlikely before Wednesday, however. The cease fire would take effect within three days and would remain in effect until the situation in the Holy Land could be peacefully adjusted.

It was the strongest proposal ever laid before the Council. Enforcement would come through invoking diplomatic and economic sanctions or an international army.

The American resolution, understood to have the general support of the British, also calls for an unconditional cease fire in Jerusalem within 48 hours.

"This is not the time for slowing speeches but for action," Jessup said. "Fighting is now going on in Palestine. It must stop."

The American resolution called on the Jews and Arabs alike to halt hostilities but Jessup noted in his speech that the war was resumed only after the Arabs rejected a Council appeal to extend the truce. Jessup introduced the proposal after Count Folke Bernadotte, making a dramatic personal appearance before the Council, appeared for an order to stop the war.

"The United Nations must not allow the Palestine problem to be worked out on the field of battle," the Swedish Count said before a Council chamber jammed with spectators.

#### Plan Challenged

Count Bernadotte toyed with his microphone as he addressed the Council personally for the first time since he took over the job of trying to mediate Jewish-Arab differences. He remained calm even when subjected to a sharp cross examination from Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko over his powers.

Gromyko and Council President Dimitri Z. Manuilsky of the Soviet Ukraine challenged Count Bernadotte's peace suggestions, including his plans to alter the partition boundaries and suggestions for a plebiscite. Manuilsky said during a rapid exchange that both were in direct violation of the UN Assembly's decision to partition Palestine.

Meanwhile Arab Legion artillery today frustrated a Jewish attempt to get 20 lorries with weapons and supplies for Jerusalem through Bau El Wad, on the main lifeline west of the Holy City, according to reports reaching Amman.

Arab artillery shelled the road from commanding heights near by. Unhindered by the Syrian Army, joining in the battle for Jerusalem, threw in their weight by attacking the southern districts of the city.

#### Bethlehem Shelled

A report from Tel Aviv said that scores of dead as well as guns and equipment were left on the field when Egyptian forces retreated before Israeli attacks on Negbs, on July 10, in the Palestine southern sector.

Exact details were not available. The spokesman said the enemy had shelled Jewish settlements west of Tulkarem and added that Arab counter-attacks on the heights near Ein Karim, west of Jerusalem, had been held. Bethlehem was shelled by Israeli gunners last night in a counter-action to Arab bombardment of the Jewish settlement of Ramat Ramel, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

## CORDON AROUND UNIVERSITIES

Peiping, July 14.

Police cordons remained for the second day around four universities here and screened all persons entering or leaving.

High police officers said the cordons were intended to protect the students from possible violence by anti-Communist Vanguard "citizens" groups. The students themselves scolded at this explanation and claimed the anti-Communist Vanguard is an officially sponsored body whose main purpose was to stage demonstrations at the behest of the authorities.

Meanwhile, feeling prevailed here that despite the sound and fury which followed the shoot-up of students on July 3, a mutual face-saving compromise would eventually be reached.

Now neither side appears to be in agreement on a single point. The students claim that 14 of their number died as a result of the shoot-up.

Mayor Liu Yi-chang, at the first meeting with foreign correspondents, placed the dead at eight—three killed on the spot and five succumbing to their injuries in hospital.

Other figures given by the mayor were: two soldiers killed, 14 policemen wounded, one of whom is still in hospital, two military police wounded and soldiers wounded "by bullets."

## Astrodome Tragedy

San Diego, Calif., July 13.

The navigator of an Army B-29 Superfort from El Paso, Texas, fell 26,000 feet to his death today when the astrodome of the giant plane "blew out," the 11th Naval District Headquarters here reported.

The navigator's body fell into a field south of here.

## GENERAL ON VISIT TO US

London, July 13.

The War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today that Maj-Gen C.H.H. Vulliamy, Director of Signals at the War Office, was visiting the United States to get first-hand knowledge of organization, operations and procedure of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

Demanded Communist William Gallacher: "Isn't it strange that a Socialist Government should be sending so many of its military representatives over to America to get instructions from the most ruthless capitalist government?"

Mr. Shinwell did not reply.

United Press.

## ARABS CRITICAL OF THE WEST

London, July 13.

The Arab Office in London today criticised the "Western powers" for trying to force a policy on the Arab states in Palestine.

In a public statement, the Arab Office said: "The Arab people today see themselves being blackmailed by a campaign of tremendous diplomatic pressure from the West, whose object is to coerce them into accepting a Jewish State in Palestine."

"They see Britain taking the leading part in this campaign and using every kind of sanction, short of military force to compel their acquiescence."

"It seems to the Arabs that by laying down the mandate and withdrawing her troops from Palestine, Britain was merely diverting herself of direct responsibility to us to participate in enforcing it indirectly."

"The Arabs feel that the next and final result of Britain's entire policy and every action she has taken in the last few years has been to put them in a position in which they must either submit or be compelled to do so by international action in which she will take part."

"If the attempt to force the Arab Governments to accept a Jewish State in Palestine were to succeed, the result would be not the ending of a problem and the establishment of tranquillity in the Middle East but a disastrous and widespread explosion throughout the region and the collapse of the present set-up in the Arab countries which, despite certain appearances, is fundamentally favourable to the West, and which, if it passed away, would be succeeded by new forces and new policies from which the Western world have nothing agreeable to expect."

Reuter.

## Richest Man In Gaol

Manila, July 14.

Fred M. Harden, one of Manila's richest Americans and most prominent businessmen, today asked the Supreme Court to let him out of gaol.

He has been imprisoned at the National Penitentiary since May on a contempt of court charge issued by Judge Emilio Pena.

Judge Pena held that Harden failed to comply with a court order that he return to the Philippines US\$500,000 which Harden allegedly took to Hong Kong. The action arose out of Harden's civil suit against his wife, Esperanza de Harden, over ownership of a large block of Balatoc Mining Company stock.

Harden is one of the original incorporators of Balatoc. Harden's attorney, Senator Vicente J. Francisco, former member of the United Nations Palestine Commission, said that Harden's indefinite imprisonment is unconstitutional.

Associated Press.

## MR. POLLITT ACCUSES

London, July 13.

The British Communist Party tonight accused the Labour Government of continuing imperialist dictatorship over its African colonies.

The statement said the Party's Executive Committee had unanimously adopted a resolution condemning British stewardship in Africa. The resolution said: "The most elementary democratic rights—equal right to vote for representatives in the legislature and control by the legislature of the executive—are denied to tens of millions of Africans."

United Press.

## SHE WAS A GOOD REPUBLICAN

Glendale, Calif., July 13.

Albin Nelson, 42, Democrat, was listening to his Party's convention on the radio when a window and Nelson and his household belongings were thoroughly doused.

Nelson told the police that his neighbor, Miss A. C. Mason, 64, was responsible. Miss Mason would say only, "I am a Republican." The Police advised Nelson to file a complaint if he was doused again.

## CAUGHT RAIDING LARDER

Shanghai, July 14.

Twenty-year-old Miss Yang Mei, who gained nationwide fame with the claim that she has not eaten during the past nine years, has finally been caught raiding a larder.

A brief press report from Chungking, where she is subject to close medical observation, said that Miss Yang complained of a toothache on Tuesday. When a dentist examined her teeth he found bits of food.

The despatch did not mention whether the girl will be thrown out of Mayor Yang Sen's residence and returned to her country home in a small village on the outskirts of China's wartime capital.

Miss Yang startled the Chinese medical world with the claim that she lost all desire for food since she ate a bulb-like plant on the mountainside while herding hogs. Placed under an examination, the doctors found her otherwise normal although seemingly not eating anything except drinking a few glasses of water.

The Chungking Mayor organized a special committee for a closer examination and the first "circumstantial evidence" that she took food was surreptitiously found on Tuesday in a dental examination.

United Press.

## JUDGE WAS EMBEZZLER

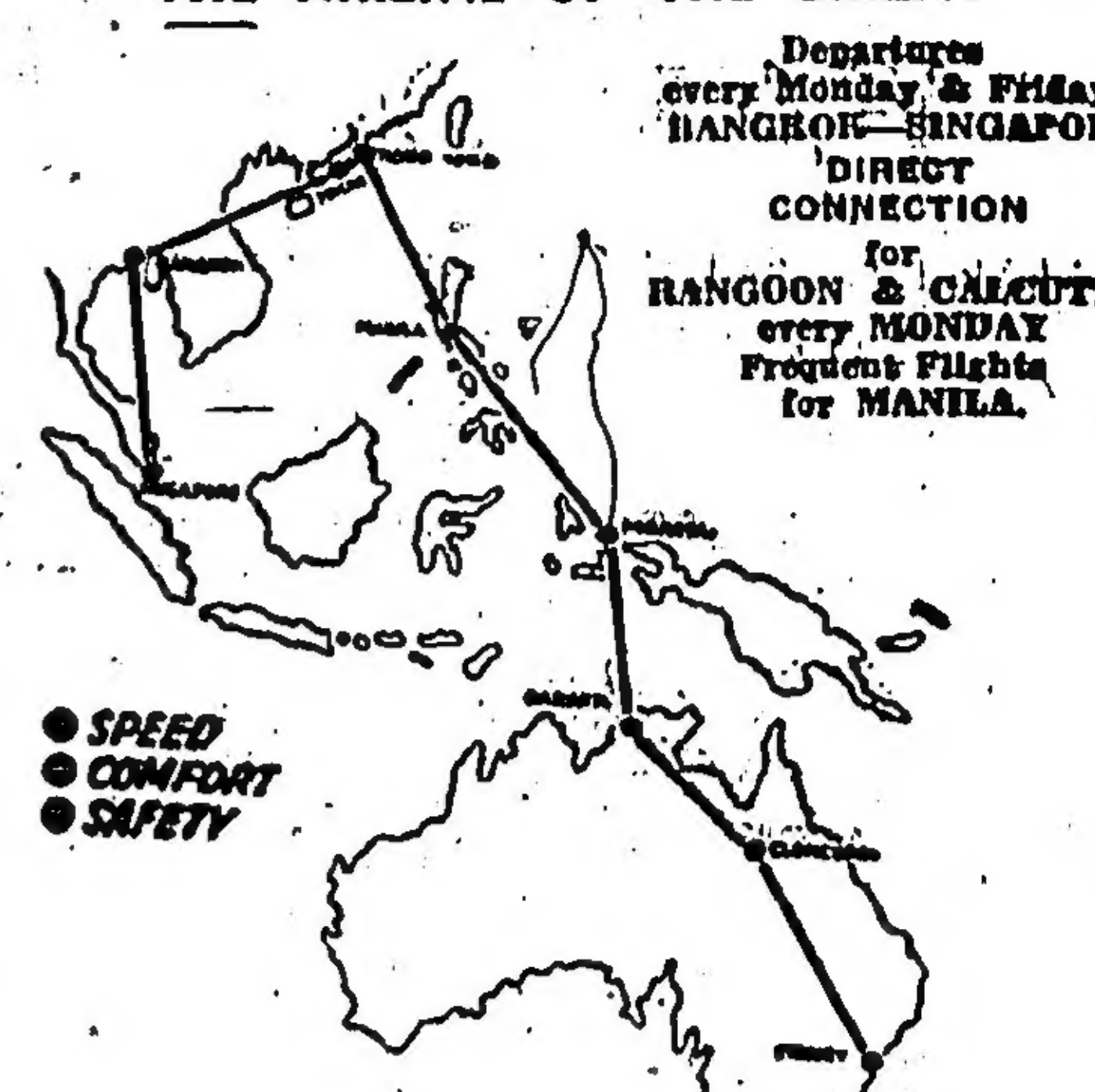
Newark, N.J., July 13.

A 38-year-old Newark Police Court judge, P. James Felice, admitted today embezzling US\$50,000 from a bank of which he is Vice-President and losing it all in horse race bets. The judge last year was named the nation's best dressed jurist. Bank examiners said Felice had embezzled huge sums over a period of years by covering shortages with fictitious mortgages.

Associated Press.

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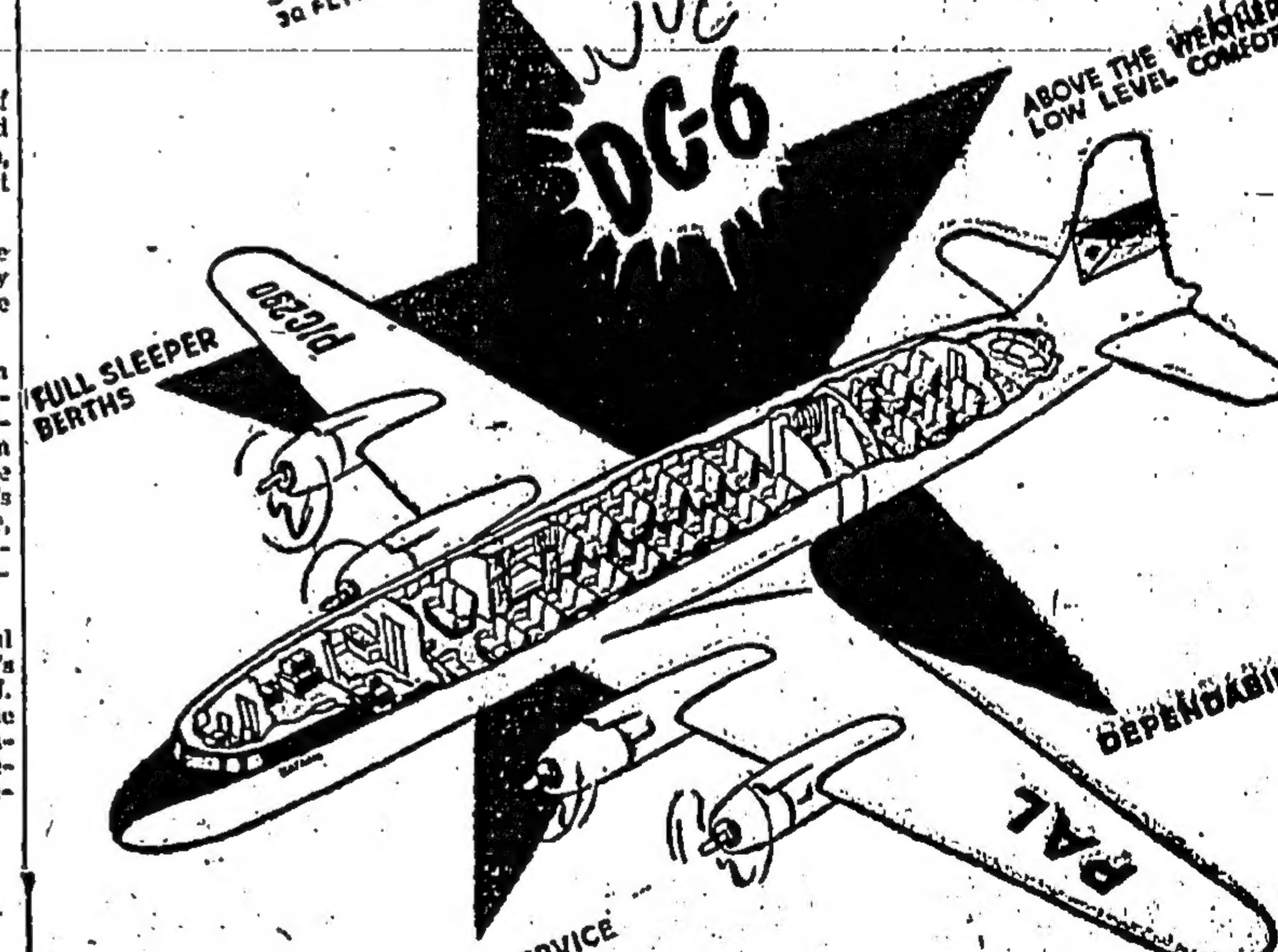
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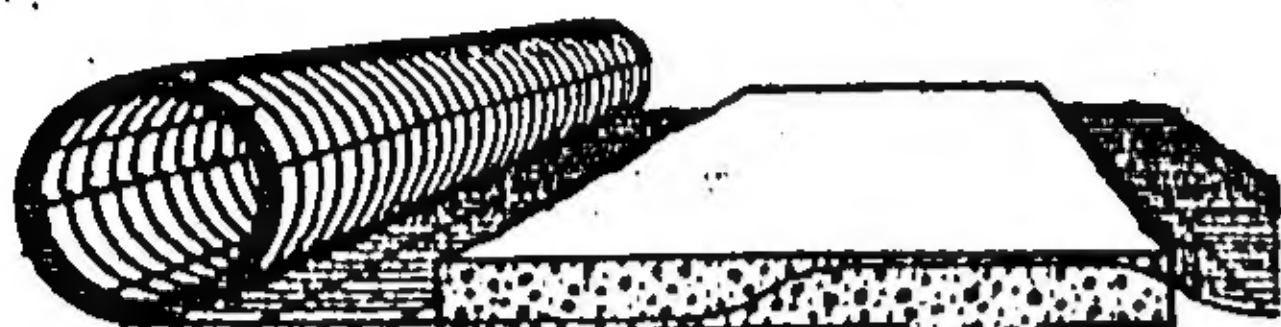
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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### The New House Of Commons

Sir Giles Scott, O.M., R.A., P.P.R.I.B.A., in association with Adrian Gilbert Scott, M.C., F.R.I.B.A., Architects.

Scarcity of qualified stonemasons is holding up constructional work on the new House of Commons. Twice the number of craftsmen are needed as are at present employed on the job, to deal with the 115,000 cubic feet of Portland stone that are being quarried for the new building.

For the internal panelling and joinery 30,000 cubic feet of English oak is being used, the timber being obtained from trees grown within a radius of about 50 miles of Newport, in Shropshire. The oak is now being worked by wood carvers in London. In this craft, there is a shortage of trained men, though there seem to be more wood-carvers available than stonemasons.

The oak will be bleached a grey colour. The House of Commons table will be made from Canadian oak, and the Dominions are also sending other wood furniture, including the Speaker's chair and the clerks' chairs.

The main contract for the superstructure of the new building was let last April to Messrs. John Mowlem & Co. Ltd., of London, and is due for completion in April, 1950. The structural steelwork is now in place, about 30 percent of the work on the reinforced concrete floors (including the casing of steel stanchions and beams in concrete) has been done, and some internal walls are built. All the main contracts are let and the principal materials ordered. At the moment 110 men are working on the site and the largest number that will be employed there at any time will be 350.

#### Old and New

From the architectural point of view the object has been to blend the new work with the old and preserve a certain unity, but at the same time break away to some extent in the ornamental detail of the interior.

The new Chamber will be almost a replica of the old, except for the galleries of the north and south ends, which will be enlarged. Two new floors below the Chamber will provide rooms for individual Ministers and also secretarial, interviewing, and conference rooms. For the first time there will be offices over the Chamber.

While work on the site and the preparation of the stone and joinery work is going on, the fabrication of ducts, building of motors, fans, compressors, and so forth, are proceeding in many special works and factories in various parts of England and Scotland. The whole of the construction under the old House of Commons was occupied by the vast ventilator-space, 26 ft. deep. Modern methods make it possible to get all the ducts and machinery for ventilating the new building into 6 ft. of depth under the Chamber, leaving 20 ft. to spare for the two new floors, and an-

other space immediately above the Chamber that will also be used for lighting.

#### Elaborate Model

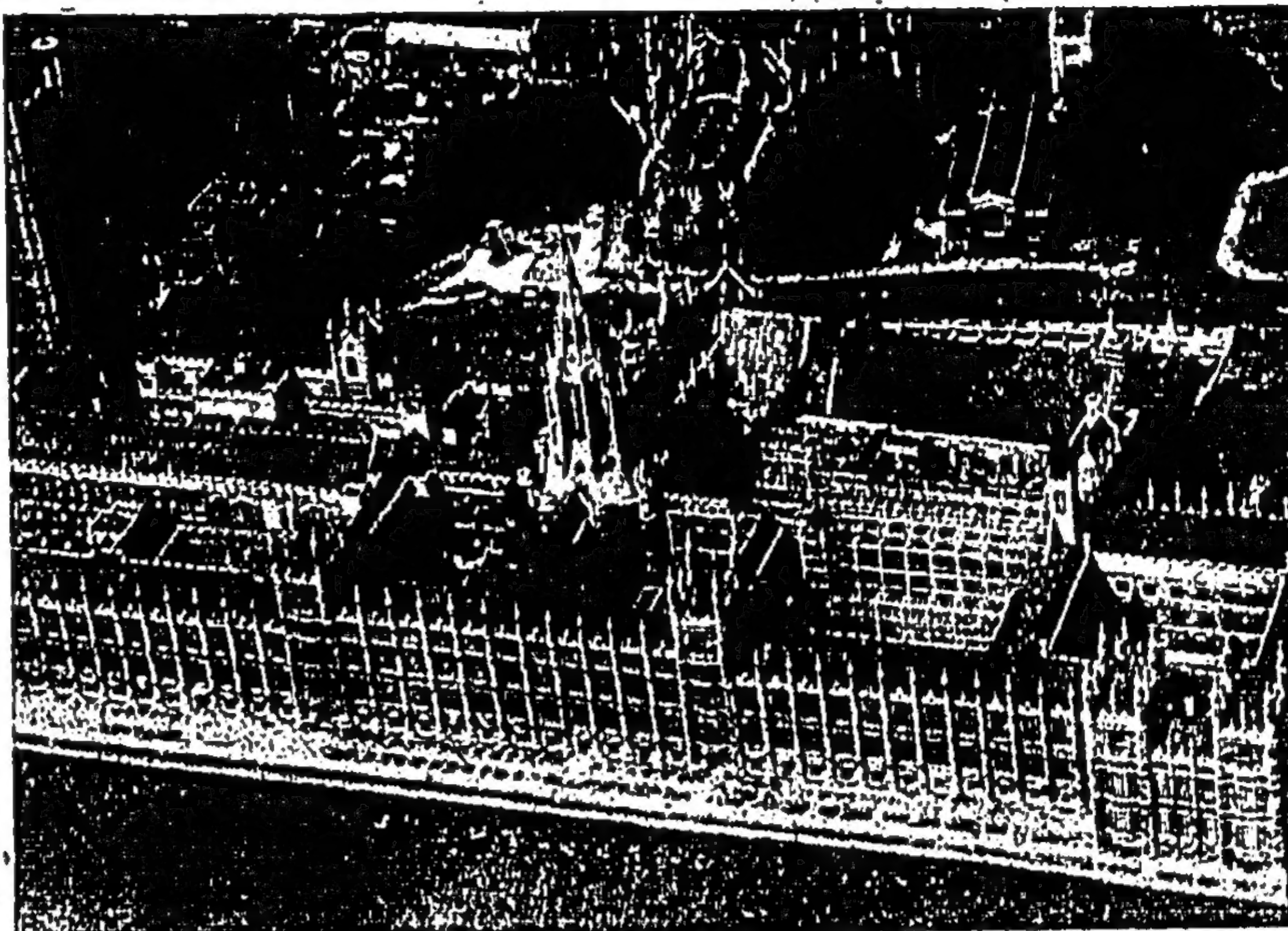
The ventilation and heating arrangements have been in the hands of Dr. Oscar Faber. An elaborate model of the new House, one-quarter full size, was made to his designs by the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, and was there tested with smoke and electrical instruments to determine the strength and direction of air currents. After minor modifications a full-scale

series, and the direction of the currents will be variable at will. More air for the occupants of the galleries will be introduced round the perimeter of the roof, and all the air will be extracted near the centre of the roof. In place of the former cotton-wool filters for the air there will be electrostatic filters.

The main problem is that of cooling, since the amount of heat needed to warm the Chamber will be almost negligible. Tubes containing brine from refrigerating machines, situated under one of the courtyards for quietness will

the Government contract for the supply of the whole of the metal windows for the above, including the whole of Glass, Lensed Glazing, together with the fixing and glazing at site.

The value of the contract is approximately £35,000, of which the Windows amount to £24,000. There are approximately 1,200 windows of which roughly two-thirds are opening, the remainder being fixed lights. The opening lights are vertically pivoted and centre-hung with specially designed controlling locks for controlling opening, mainly for cleaning purposes, the building being air-conditioned. The whole of the windows both open and fixed are in Manganese Bronze speciality toned.



VIEW OF THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER FROM THE AIR. The steelwork of the new House of Commons is seen to the right of the photograph.

model of one bay of the Chamber, 28 ft. long was built at Earsley Court, for further experiments. This model has also similarly been used for preliminary illumination tests, which will be extended to the new Chamber itself when it is built.

The movement of air in the old House of Commons was vertical, put in the new House it will be horizontal. Air will be introduced through slots under the gal-

lery, the air; hot-water tubes will warm it. Should it be necessary, the air can also be humidified in very dry weather. From a small control room just below the level of the Chamber a control engineer will watch the interior through a periscope, thus keeping informed of any material change in the numbers in the House so that he can adjust the ventilation.

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### Women Make Their Mark Battery Radio Telephone

The annual conference of Britain's Women's Engineering Society will be held in Nottingham, in October. Founded in 1919, this society numbers among its members many women who went into the engineering industry for the first time in World War II as well as those with longer industrial associations. Here are details concerning some of the women who have made their mark in this profession, until recently the exclusive preserve of men.

Mrs. Maxwell-Chance opened and directed a factory during World War II which carried out contract work for the United Kingdom Government. She has now converted her factory to peacetime production and is making electric irons and other things used in the home. Another woman engineer, Miss Cook, runs a factory near London where small components are made. She began as a junior draughtsman in World War II and after four years was given complete charge as apprentice supervisor. Later promoted supervisor of her department, she soon doubled production.

The president of the society is Dr. Frances Howwood, works chemist to the Monotype (printing) Corporation. Another member, Miss Verena Holmes, invented a poppet valve gear used in diesel engines. Miss Dix, an electrical engineer with her own business, carried out the installation of the new lighting plant of Winchester Cathedral, England, while Mrs. Douglas has managed her own shipyard at Southampton.

A new type of battery-operated radio telephone has been designed by the Post Office Research Station, London.

It is designed for installation as an individual subscriber equipment to meet the needs of those persons living in remote areas, such as the western islands of Scotland.

A normal dialling system is provided. The dry batteries installed in the set will enable it to be operated without maintenance for six months with an equivalent of 12 three minutes' duration calls per day.

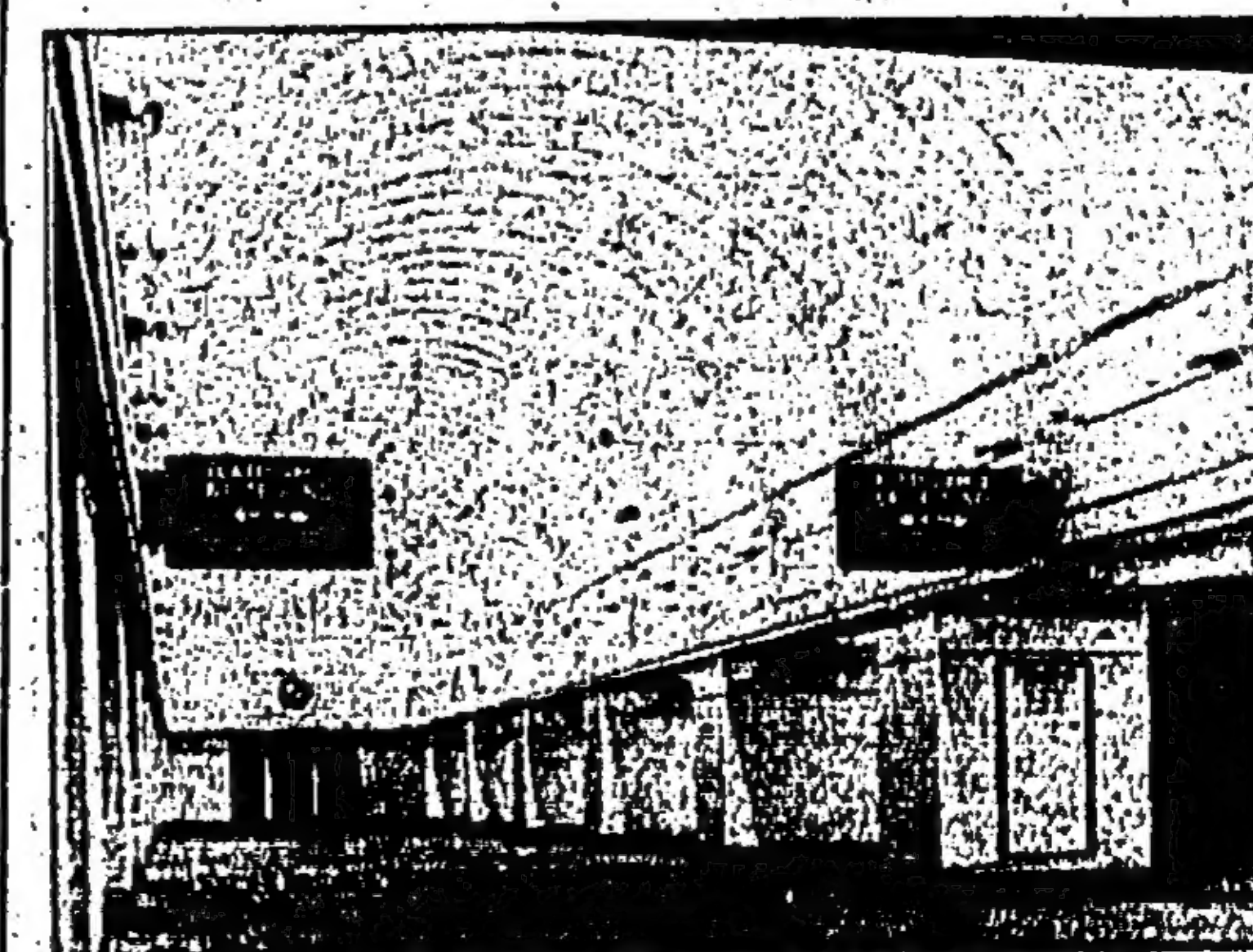
The receiver and transmitter are energized only when a call is in progress, but every 30 seconds the receiver is automatically "latched" for incoming calls. Incoming calls are signalled by a normal telephone bell ring. The set operates on a frequency of 70 to 80 megacycles (3.75 to 4.3 metres).

### Exhibition Of Model Engineering

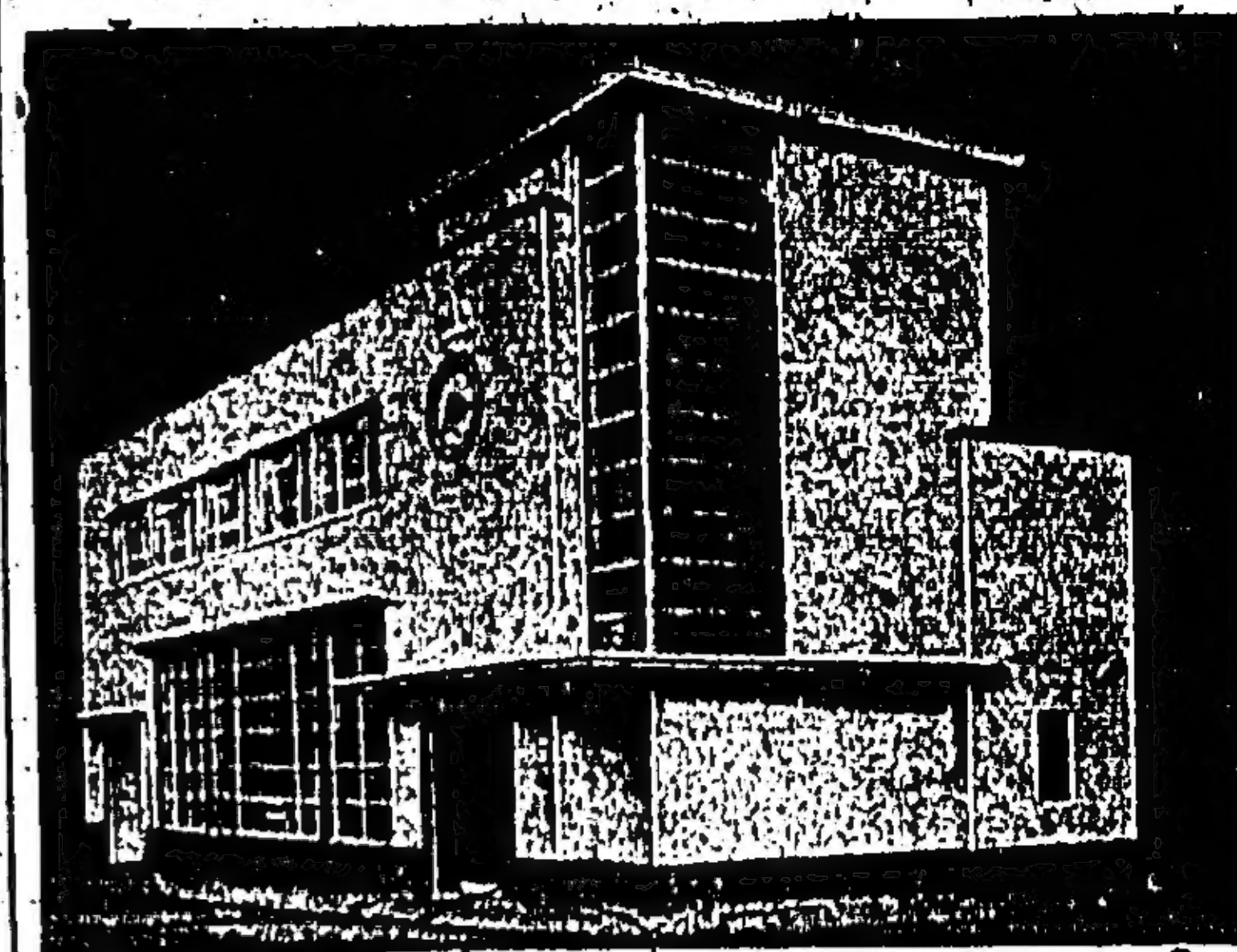
The Model Engineer Exhibition to be held at the New Royal Horticultural Hall, London, from August 18 to 28 is divided into two sections. The first will show the latest developments in engineering, marine and aviation models, tools and workshop equipment, technical educational appliances and scientific apparatus. Many trade exhibitors will have working displays demonstrating new processes for the workshop enthusiast.

The other section comprises the Club and amateur display of craftsmanship. There is keen competition among the various Model Clubs throughout Britain to be represented in this section of the exhibition and in this year's show the following Model Clubs will all display and demonstrate their own particular type of models—the Society of Model and Experimental Engineers; the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers; the Ship Models Society and the Radio Controlled Models Society.

In addition to the exhibits referred to above there will be an international section with models loaned from many overseas countries, and a British section of competition models, open only to amateurs, for various cups, medals and diplomas. Many visitors from overseas, both trade buyers and amateur enthusiasts, are expected to visit the exhibition.



One of the architectural wonders of Britain has just been opened to the public. It is the remarkable underground "concourse" at the new Gants Hill Station on the Central Line, London. It is a lofty, domed hall 40 feet beneath the ground, sited between the up and down platforms of the station and has been built to enable the heavy flow of passengers to spread out freely and avoid bunching. It is 100 feet long and 20 feet high, is illuminated by strip-lighting, and observers have described its appearance as cathedral-like.



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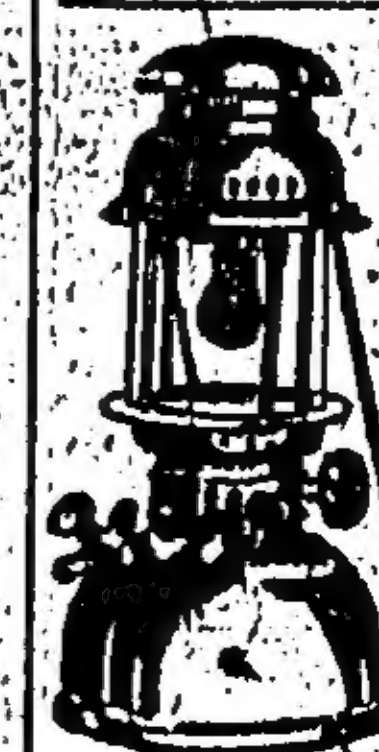
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## TERRORISTS EXPECTED TO STRIKE IN SINGAPORE

### GOVERNOR GIVEN WIDE POWERS

Singapore, July 13.

The Legislative Council today gave Sir Franklin Gimson, the Governor, sweeping powers to cope with any spread of the Communist revolt in the Federation of Malaya to this Crown Colony.

The Council acted swiftly in response to a request from the Governor. The police swung into action and arrested 25 persons in new raids.

Unconfirmed reports said the Communists might attempt terrorist killings in the Crown Colony similar to those taking place in Malaya. Local newsmen said "word was passing around" that such attacks were imminent.

There was no official confirmation, but some sources believed that Sir Franklin's request for extended powers were linked with these reports.

A planeload of 20 European women and children refugees arrived safely in Singapore from the isolated tin mine area in Pahang state, scene of disorders.

#### More Terrorism

Launches were patrolling the Singapore coast to prevent terrorist landings from the mainland today.

After the daring and successful Communist attack on the country's only coal mine at Batu Arang, troops failed to trace the raiding party. Today, there was much public criticism of the fact that the mine was not guarded by the armed forces.

Cases of terrorism reported today included: Johore—14 armed Chinese yesterday killed a Chinese farmer at Sungai Siput.

Mersing—Endau—Telephones were cut and attempted arson reported.

Pahang—Ten Chinese terrorists shot dead a Chinese contractor on the Semantan Estate in the Mentakal area last night. The European manager and his wife were absent at the time.

Shots were heard from other estates in the vicinity during the night but no incidents were reported.

Kedah—Musked parties raided and looted houses at Tasek in the Kroh area on Sunday night and raped a Chinese woman. Perak and Selangor—Parties of armed Chinese were sighted and sporadic gunfire was heard.

#### "Humiliating"

The Straits Times, in a leading article, today said that, with the recent setbacks like Batu Arang, British prestige in Malaya was going to be "right where the Communist rebels want it."

Deploping the absence of a military guard at Malaya's only coal mine, the Straits Times described yesterday's events as "disgraceful and humiliating."

Under the European Recovery Programme, 75 per cent of Marshall aid funds are grants and the remainder loans.

Britain and a number of other recipients have accepted grants but have not taken up loans, and a British informant said that the United States will make further grants conditional on the recipients taking up at least some of the money offered as loans.

He said that an announcement to this effect may be made in Washington this week coupled with the disclosure of the terms of the loans and the total amounts of Marshall aid to be allocated to each of the 16 recipient countries during the current 12 to 18-month period.—United Press.

#### MINERAL SPA CAVES IN

Manila, July 14.

Pansel Spring, a popular mineral water spa in Calamba, 29 miles southeast of Manila on the shores of Laguna Bay, caved in at 1 p.m. on July 12, according to a telephone message to the Philippines Constabulary headquarters. The unexpected accident caused the death of Andres Guevarra, 45, and injury to one other. They were using the baths at the time.—Associated Press.

#### SHRINERS SAIL FOR HK

Manila, July 14.

A group of 45 members of San Francisco's Islam Shrine will be entertained by President Filido Quirino at Malacanang Palace today.

The party, headed by Potentate Roy Buell, is due to leave for Hong Kong tomorrow on board the A.T. liner President Wilson.—Associated Press.

#### Camp Burned

The Governor General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, today toured parts of North Johore and discussed with planters, security officers and soldiers the current outbreak of violence in Malaya.

He was accompanied by Menteri Besar, Prime Minister of Johore, and other native officials.

A police and military party discovered and burned a bandit camp eight miles southeast of Kuala Lumpur. When the security force arrived, the camp was empty.—Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

## No Link Between Malaya And Burma

London, July 13.

The British Government had no evidence of any immediate connection between the Communist activities in Burma and the situation in Malaya, Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, said today.

Asked by Lord Howe, Conservative, in the House of Lords whether he had any statement to make on the present state of affairs in Burma and whether it had any bearing on the Malayan situation, Lord Listowel replied: "The Government's attitude towards events in Burma remains as described by Lord Henderson in the House of Lords on June 22."

"The recent developments have in no way affected the wish of the Government to maintain the closest friendly relations with Burma in all fields and it sincerely hopes that the reported intention of the Foreign Minister (U Tin Tut) to resign his position on July 20 will not affect these relations."

"May I mention, and speaking only for myself, the kindness and courtesy U Tin Tut has at all times shown me and the skill with which he has upheld the interests of his country abroad."

"When Viscount Elibank, Conservative, asked whether, in view of the increasing violence and intimidation in Malaya, the Government had made any arrange-

#### Soviet Note Rejected

The Hague, July 13.

The Dutch Government has rejected a Soviet note accusing the Dutch Labour party, Het Vrije Volk, of warmongering in an article on April 13.

The Dutch reply was understood to have declared that the article contained only hypotheses and theoretical considerations of what might happen in the case of a war. A passage in the article, to which the Russians had objected, was headed "Russian Strategy and the Reply to it"—Reuter.

#### Acquittal For Cannibalism Charge Denied

Yokohama, July 14.

The War Crimes Commission today denied the defence motion for acquittal of five Japanese directly charged with cannibalism in connection with the death by medical murder of eight American airmen at Kyushu Imperial University in the spring of 1945.

The five men—two dental technicians and three Japanese Army officers—were among 29 men and one woman on trial for the murder of B-29 fliers by fantastic medical experiments in the University hospital.

The cannibalism charge against the dentist specifies they ate the liver of one American flier at a "banquet" at the hospital mess.—United Press.

## American Bomber Detained

Washington, July 13.

Both the State and Justice departments are actively interested in the case of the B-17 American bomber detained at Halifax, Nova Scotia, the State Department press officer, Lincoln White, said today.

He told a press conference that the Department has responsibility for granting or denying export licenses for "arms, ammunition and implements of war" and noted that President Truman has classified B-17's as falling within this licensing system.

White said the Justice Department was concerned because it would have to handle any law violation which might be involved.

The nine American occupants of the plane insist they were merely on a navigation training flight at an airport near White Plains, New York, when bad weather forced a landing at Halifax on Monday.

They denied being recruits for the Israeli Army bound for Palestine and said they intended to return to the U.S.—Associated Press.

## Hirohito Abdication Plebiscite?

Tokyo, July 14.

The Jiji news agency today quoted a Diet member as saying upon his arrival at atom-bombed Hiroshima that a national plebiscite may be held sometime in the autumn on whether Emperor Hirohito should abdicate.

Yoshinobu Yamashita, a member of the House of Councillors, quoted Attorney General Yoshio Suzuki as saying in a secret session of the Justice Committee of the Upper House that a plebiscite on the Emperor's abdication may be held since the "present situation of the people being divided on the rumored abdication of Emperor Hirohito was undesirable."

Yamashita said he believed the plebiscite would be held in November.

In Tokyo, Attorney General Suzuki denied making the statement ascribed to him by Yamashita.

Suzuki branded Yamashita's statement as "gross misunderstanding."

The Attorney General stressed that abdication should be decided upon by Hirohito entirely of his own accord and "it is not a kind of matter that should be forced upon the Emperor by others or determined by a plebiscite."—United Press.

## Britain's New Army Transport

Rome, July 14.

A new type of Bristol military transport plane, with a payload of five tons, was demonstrated at Rome's Guidonia airport today.

The Defence Minister, Rinaldo Ossola, and the British Ambassador, Sir Victor Mallet, were among the onlookers.

The big ship, whose civilian counterparts are already in service on France-Britain runs, took off with 12 fully equipped motor-cycle troops, an 85-millimetre artillery piece, a light armoured car and a scout car on board.

Rome newspapers predicted that Italian factories would be licensed to build the plane.—Associated Press.

#### STARR PURCHASE IN MANILA

Manila, July 14.

C. V. Starr interests of Shanghai took another step toward controlling the Philippine automobile outlets when they purchased Liberty Motors Company from Elitade and Company.

Starr interests now own the four largest automobile agencies in Manila besides two insurance companies and other firms.—Associated Press.

#### CHINA SURVEY COMPLETED

Shanghai, July 14.

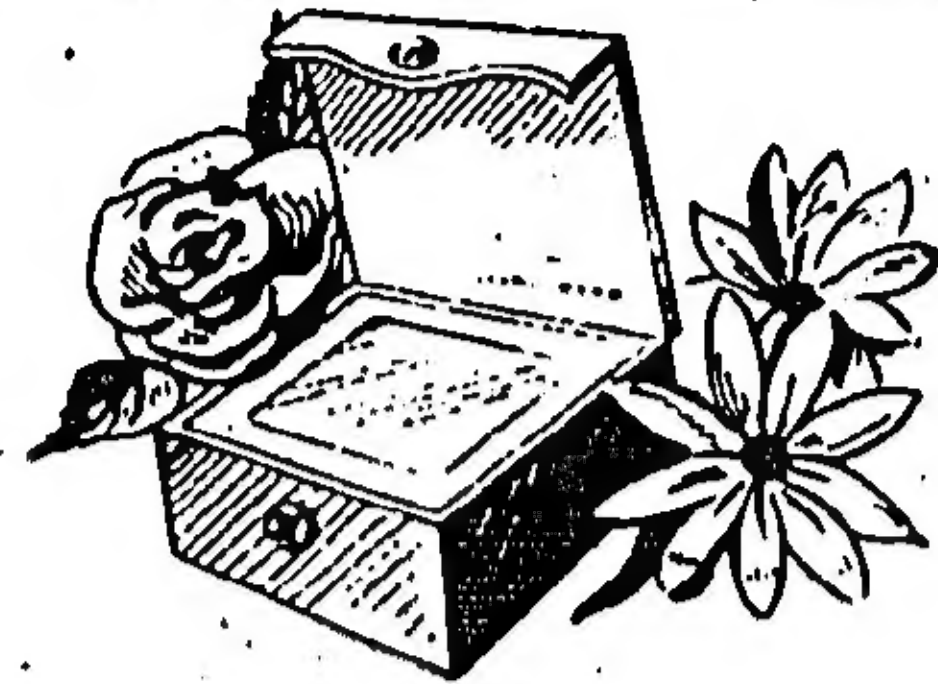
Mr. Charles L. Sullivan, Head of the ECA survey mission to China, is expected to return to Washington shortly for a brief discussion with ECA authorities.

He is believed to have completed his report on his recent tour of South and North China and Taiwan, which he will bring along with him for submission to Mr. Paul Hoffman, ECA Director.—Reuter.

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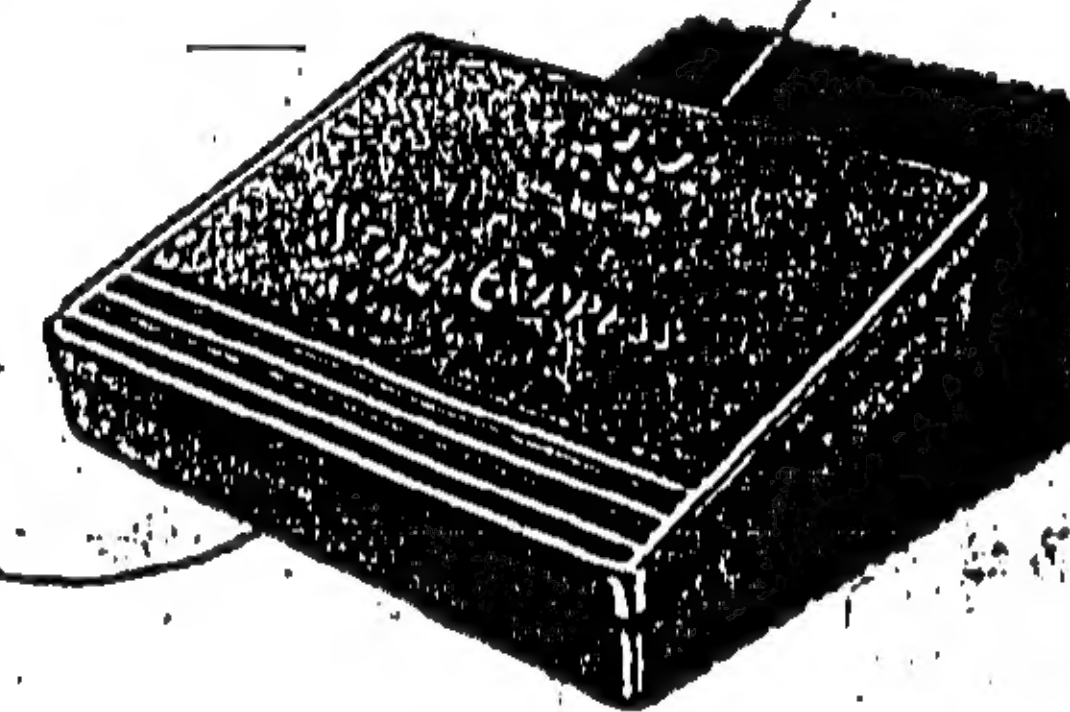
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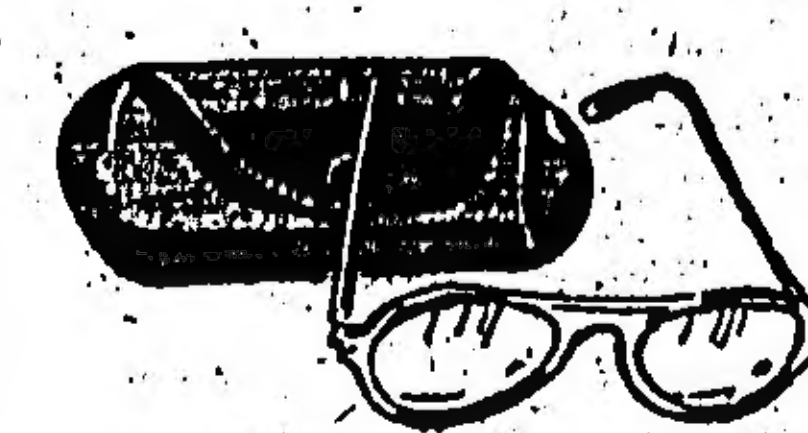
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**"CAPITULATION" DEMANDED****Fantastic Request By Soviet Press****Berlin Siege To Be Long Affair**

Berlin, July 13.

The Russians, through their official press, today demanded that Western Berlin "capitulate" as they again delayed answering the tri-power protest notes demanding the lifting of the blockade of Berlin.

The Soviet press remarked that the tri-power notes bore "no time limit—thus no ultimatum."

Therefore, Moscow could delay as long as it desired—with each day adding to the economic hardships of the 2,000,000 Germans the US and Britain are attempting to supply by air through the foulest July weather in German history.

At the same time, the Russians attempted to frighten Berliners into submission by fears of war. During the 24 hours up to 4 p.m. Berlin time, American Air Force planes from Wiesbaden and Frankfurt brought to Berlin 1,107 tons of supplies in 206 flights.

This was slightly under Monday's total ferried in better weather. It brought the American total in the great supply operation since June 25 to 12,253 flights.

**Prolonged Siege?**

While American and British airmen were risking their lives to supply Berlin, the Communist press sought to scorn the operation which Berliners find so dramatic they stand for hours just watching the big planes come in and depart.

Russian controlled newspapers, besides trying to frighten Berliners with fears of war, also alleged that American soldiers were stealing some of the food which was being flown in. The Russian controlled news agency ADN distributed this report, which was given front page display, that

American GI's were taking canned food being unloaded at Tempelhof.

The Communist press also threatened a prolonged siege of Western Berlin lasting into the winter if necessary.

**U.S. Rebuff**

The latest of numerous Russian complaints of American violations of the air corridors over the Russian zone, which link Berlin with Western Germany, tonight received a rebuff from the US authorities.

Major General George P. Hays wrote his Russian opposite number, Lieutenant General G. S. Lukanchenko, that the new charges, like those in the past, had proved "unfounded."

He rejected summarily Russian complaints that flights through the corridors were made without prior Soviet permission, pointing out that "our rights within the corridor are clearly defined" in four power agreements.

Other developments in the Berlin situation included:

1—Authoritative government sources in London said Britain is preparing to step up greatly the number of men and aircraft assigned to the air lift.

**C-in-C Returns**

2—Arthur Henderson, British Secretary of State for Air, said on an inspection trip that the British will open a second air base at Fassberg, in the British zone

**Montgomery in Vienna**

Vienna, July 13.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, had a long talk here today with Major General Terence G. Airey, Commandant of the British troops in Trieste, who came specially to Vienna to see him.

The Field Marshal will leave Vienna by tomorrow morning for London.—Reuter.

**SATIRE A LA ROUSSE****SATIRE A LA ROUSSE**

Berlin, July 13.

In a satirical article on the Berlin crisis today, the Soviet official newspaper, *Taegliche Rundschau* stated:

"In Greenland, the Eskimos are saving up their icicles to send them to help the starving Berliners, while the biggest gift is expected to arrive from India shortly. It consists of several shiploads of Bibles, which the British distributed there during the last famine to help the starving population."

"Reports that Frau Louise Schroeder, the acting Lord Mayor of Berlin, is flying to Honolulu to represent the city at a world congress of flea circus owners are without foundation."

"The Red Indian chieftain, Lamb Blindworm, has telegraphed Dr. Suhr, Chairman of the City Assembly, offering the help of his tribe in Western Berlin's fight for freedom. Unfortunately, Lamb Blindworm stated in his message that only 10 of his braves can still swing tomahawks. The other 20,000 did not survive their liberation by the Americans."—Reuter.

**"Pre-Fab" Boredom**

London, July 14.

"Pre-fab boredom and frustration" is endangering the happiness of thousands of Londoners, George Mitchell said today at the London Council of Social Service.

The Council member urged that professional social workers be appointed to make life brighter for people who live in "large conglomerations of flats and pre-fabricated dwellings, where the tenants are concentrated and shut off from the main stream of life in the district."

He said clubs would oust "frustration and boredom."—United Press.

**CEYLON IN WHO**

Lake Success, July 14.

Ceylon has joined the World Health Organisation, and a Ceylonese delegation has been given official status at the World Health Assembly now meeting in Geneva. Ceylon is the 15th state which, though not a member of the United Nations, has joined the WHO.—Reuter.

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	10th August	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## CHANCELLOR QUESTIONED ON STERLING BALANCES RELEASE

London, July 13.

Mr. Oliver Crosthwaite Eyre, Conservative, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, in the House of Commons today why the British Government had agreed to release sums from the sterling balances in 1948 at about twice the rate of 1947.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

In some respects the market may be considered somewhat better. Trade yesterday morning was not very large, but sellers were not so much in evidence. H.K. GOVT. LOANS:  
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H.K. Real Estate 15½  
Chinese Estates 15½  
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(New) 11½, 12½  
Star Ferry 12½  
G. Light (Ord.) 24½, 24½  
(New) 10½  
H.K. Electric 24½  
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INDUSTRIALS:  
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Canton 41½, 41½, 41½  
H.K. Rubber 15½  
STORES & C.:  
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(New) 25½, 25½  
Lane, Crawford 25½  
Sincere 25½  
China Emporium 22½  
Sun Co. Ltd. 27½  
Kwong Sang Hong 25½  
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Wong Pong, Ltd. X.D. 25½  
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China Entertainment 4½  
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COTTONS:  
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RUBBER & CO. COMPANIES:  
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Padang Rubbers 14½  
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Shanghai Fabrics 25½  
Tannab Rubbers 14½  
Telong Rubbers 25½  
Klang Rubbers 25½

He also asked if he would give the total annual amounts of repayments of sterling balances agreed upon for the current year.  
Sir Stafford replied that he had earlier given particulars of sterling releases and working balances provided for under agreements at present in force.  
"Apart from the latest agreements with India and Pakistan, about which I shall be making an announcement shortly, further releases amounting to £25,000,000 are due to be made from the sterling balances up to the end of 1948, bringing the total sums so far released for current purposes (excluding initial working balances) to £25,000,000 for the whole year. The suggestion contained in the question is therefore not correct."  
Mr. William Shepherd, Conservative: As the Government has committed the country far beyond the bounds of prudence, will the Chancellor undertake not to release any more sterling balances in the current year?

## "Grossly Excessive"

Mr. Crosthwaite Eyre: If my figures are not correct, why does the Chancellor exclude working balances from his computation? He himself said yesterday that it was our prime duty to see that imports were paid for by exports. Why then release this grossly excessive amount, which must result in unrequited exports?  
Sir Stafford: I did not suggest his figures were wrong but

## SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London-Silver, Spot fine ounce 45d; Forward 45d.  
Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172 1-3.  
New York-Silver, Bar, (asked price) 74 1/2 cts.  
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N.Y. RUBBER  
Crude rubber futures closed four lower to one higher with sales of two contracts.  
September 22.00.  
December 22.45 bid.  
No. 1 Ribbed smoked sheets 24 nominal. Associated Press.  
Sterling was unchanged at \$14.10, and Australian pounds fell back to \$12.53.

## Money Market

Buyers again predominated in the gold market yesterday as they pushed the rate up from the opening (\$325.37 1/2) to a high of \$331.50, the peak rate reached in the afternoon. The demand however, fell off towards the close and the price receded to \$327.75. Deliveries totalled 9,860 taels, of which 3,800 were official and 6,060 unofficial.  
Platinum opened at \$11.45 a 100 and closed at \$11.35.  
Chinese National Currency opened at 13 1/2 cents for futures and 16 1/2 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000). Futures went up to 15 cents but fell back to 14 1/2 cents at the close. Spot went up to 17 cents in the close.  
Ficals were quiet at \$25.80 a 100, as also were NEI Guilders at \$45.20 a 100.  
U.S. dollars continued firm at \$3.40, and there was a brisk de-

## London Stock Exchange

London, July 13.

The feature of the Stock Exchange today was the sharp rise in Australian and South African bonds. The 4 1/2% issue of the former rose 15 points to 70, following the announcement that the Australian Government had agreed to provide sums payable for interest on this stock.  
South African 4 1/2% jumped 23 points to 84 on news that the French Government had agreed to provide sums payable for interest on this stock.  
The initial active trading quickly subsided, leaving the price of these issues slightly under the best. Elsewhere, there was a slightly better tendency, in which industrial shares scattered gains of 1/2 to 1 and tobacco and steel were the chief beneficiaries of small buying orders.  
Today was the last of the current trading period, and improvements were due to late hour covering.  
Government securities spent a quiet day with practically no price change. In the mining section, South African gold of earlier but subsequently recovered on a little bear covering. Final prices showed some irregularity with a sprinkling of small movements in either direction.

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